

Minutes of Board of Public Works  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 20, 2022  
6:00 p.m. Council Chambers, City Hall  
With Zoom Access

**Members Present:** Mayor, Jeffrey Caggiano  
Council Member, Jolene Lusitani  
Council Member, Sebastian Panioto  
Council Member, Cheryl Thibeault  
Commissioner Michael Dumas  
Commissioner Frank Stawski

**Staff Present:** Raymond A. Rogozinski, Director of Public Works

**Absent:** Commissioner Donald Padlo

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Caggiano called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**2. DOT West End Intersection Project**

Jared Hendrickson, Andrew Esposito, Joe Arsenault, Sue Fiedler and Max McNulty, representing the Connecticut DOT, gave a presentation on the West End Intersection Project and answered questions from the Board Members and the Public.

Mary Rydingsward, Chairperson, Pequabuck River Watershed Association asked whether the intersection project would be incorporated into the goals established in the 2011 West End Study and related agreement. She also questions the safety of a proposed location for a new park lot to be installed as part of the project.

**3. Board of Public Works Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

A. 12/18/2021 Regular Meeting Minutes Draft

Motion: made by Council Member Thibeault and seconded, to accept as amended and place on file.  
Motion passed.

**4. Employee Recognition**

A. January 2022 work anniversaries were recognized.

**5. Concerns & Petitions from the Public**

Steve Donaghy, 94 Frederick St., requested information regarding whether there would be increased risk of contamination to the Pequabuck River due to the West End Intersection Project.

There were no action items.

Steve Cohen, 331 Main St., requested contractor be allowed to reclaim antique lumber and timbers from any homes set to be demolished as part of West End Intersection Project and questioned

whether additional home could be purchased by the City, for removal, as a beautification effort for the area.

There were no action items.

Motion: made by Council Member Thibeault and seconded, to hear item 11.A. Motion passed.

**A. City Hall Renovation Project Update**

Ron Quicquaro, P.A., Studio Q, presented updated esthetic and sound design elements proposed for the interior space.

Ken Romeo, Colliers, answered Board Members questions regarding the swing space move and bid schedules.

**6. Director's Report**

A. Director Rogozinski provided report on the Department.

Motion: made by Commissioner Dumas and seconded, to accept as presented and place on file. Motion passed.

**7. Public Works Year to Date Budget Review**

A. The year to date budgets for all Public Works Divisions were reviewed.

Motion: made by Council Member Thibeault and seconded, to accept as presented and place on file. Motion passed.

**8. Public Works Division Reports**

A. The December 2021 Division Head Reports were presented.

Motion: made by Commissioner Dumas and seconded, to accept as presented and place on file. Motion passed.

**9. Public Works Project Schedule**

A. The January 2022 Project Schedule was presented and discussed.

Motion: made by Commissioner Stwaski and seconded, to accept as presented and place on file. Motion passed.

**10. Building Committee**

A. The Building Committee Project list was reviewed and discussed.

Motion: made by Commissioner Dumas and seconded, to accept as presented and place on file. Motion passed.

**11. City Hall Renovation Project**

A. On motion, heard following Concerns and Petitions from the Public.

## **12. Unfinished Business**

- A. The possibility of installing speed bumps and humps was reviewed.

Motion: made by Commissioner Stawski and seconded, to file the memo issued from the Department of Public Works. Motion passed.

- B. A detouring required to carry out construction on the Jerome Ave. Bridge was discussed.

Motion: made by Commissioner Stawski and seconded, to Direct DPW to proceed with replacing the Jerome Ave Bridge over the Freeman Brook as a single phase/ full road closure construction. Said action will reduce the traffic impact time on Jerome Ave by 8 months and decrease construction cost by \$320,000. Motion passed.

## **13. New Business**

- A. A Board of Finance request for to appropriate grant funds received from Covanta was discussed.

Motion: made by Council Member Thibeault and seconded, to accept the request to appropriate \$21,284 in grant funds from Covanta and forward to the Board of Finance. Motion passed.

- B. Public Works FY 2023 budget proposal was reviewed.

There were no action items.

- C. The rating of roadway conditions and their pavement management implications were discussed.

There were no action items.

- D. The permit and service fees for the Transfer Station were reviewed and discussed.

Motion: made by Council Member Panioto and seconded, to normalize all Transfer Station permit fees to \$40.00 per 5 years. Motion passed.

- F. The procurement of a contractor to carry out AC/mechanical and exterior siding renovations was discussed.

Motion: made by Council Member Thibeault and seconded, move to authorize the DPW to procure the services of Van Zelm Engineering in the amount of \$19,850 to perform a preliminary design of AC, Building vapor barrier and ventilation improvements. Said service will be funded using available funds within the City Building project fund. Motion passed.

## **14. Addendum**

There were no action items.

## **15. Adjournment**

Motion: made by Commissioner Stawski and seconded, to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

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Raymond A. Rogozinski, P.E.  
Director of Public Works